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SUBJ: PAJETTA INTERVIEW IN L'UNITA

1. AS ADDRESSEES ARE AWARE, THE ITALIAN DELEGATION TO THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (UNSSOD) CONTAINS TWO PARLIAMENTARIANS ELECTED ON THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI) SLATE, ON. GIAN CARLO PAJETTA, WHO IS THE PARTY'S SENIOR SPOKESMAN ON FOREIGN POLICY, AND SENATOR TULLIA ROMAGNOLI CARETTONI, AND INDEPENDENT ELECTED WITH COMMUNIST SUPPORT. THE JUNE 6 ISSUE OF THE PCI'S DAILY L'UNITA CARRIES A FRONT-PAGE INTERVIEW WITH PAJETTA, CONDUCTED BY NEWSPAPER'S AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT ALBERTO JACOVIELLO, WHICH IS PUBLISHED UNDER THE TITLE QUOTE AN ACTIVE POSITION IN THE FACE OF THE CRISES OF THE WORLD END QUOTE. SALIENT POINTS MADE BY PAJETTA IN THE INTERVIEW ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW.
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2. PAJETTA DESCRIBED HIS PRESENCE ON THE ITALIAN DELEGATION AS QUOTE IN SOME WAY A SIGN OF THE ITALIAN OPENING TO A DIFFERENT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PARLIAMENT EVEN IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS END QUOTE. HE WENT ON TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RECENT FORMATION OF A NEW PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY IN

WHICH THE PCI, AS A FULL PARTNER, CANNOT BE NEGLECTED.

3. ADDRESSING A QUESTION ON THE INCREASED TENSIONS IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION, PAJETTA NOTED THAT PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI'S SPEECH TO THE SPECIAL SESSION QUOTE AVOIDED, FOR EXAMPLE, ANY DELCARATION WHICH MIGHT HAVE TIED ITALY TO UNILATERAL JUDGEMENT (I.E. ONE LOOKING ONLY TOWARD THE USG), AND IN THE CAUTIOUS MANNER WHICH DISTINGUISHES HIM, INVITED A MIDERATE OPTIMISM. END QUOTE. AS FAR AS THE PCI IS CONCERNED, PAJETTA STATED THAT IT DOES NOT WANT ITALY'S FOREIGN POLICY TO BE LIMITED TO TRADITIONAL OBJECTIVES BUT RATHER ONE IN WHICH ITALY BECOME QUOTE ONE OF THE ACTIVE PROTAGONISTS OF A POSTIVE PROCESS. END QUOTE.

4. DURING THE INTERVIEW, PAJETTA GAVE PROMINENT ATTENTION TO MEETINGS HE HAS HAD WITH FOREIGN LEADERS WHILE IN NEW YORK. HE NOTED THAT HE HAD MET THE ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, THE PERMANENT UN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES, THE SOVIET UNION, AND SOMALIA, IN ADDITION TO CUBAN OFFICIALS. REGARDING CONVERSATIONS WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS, PAJETTA OBSERVED THAT QUOTE IN A MEETING WITH AN AUTHORITATIVE AMERICAN REPRESENTATIV, I HEARD A TONE OF RESPONSIBILITY THAT SEEMED TO ME TO PUT THE EVENTS IN ZAIRE IN A DIMENSION THAT DOES NOT CORRESPOND TO THAT OF CERTAIN PROGAPANDA AND EVEN TO CERTAIN OFFICIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POSITIONS ASSUMED RECENTLY IN AMERICA. END QUOTE. PAJETTA ALSO OBSERVED THAT HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN CONGRESS.

5. COMMENT. AS MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED, THE PCI IS PLAYING THE PRESENCE OF ONE OF ITS SENIOR OFFICIALS ON THE ITALIAN DELEGATION TO THE UNSSOD FOR ALL IT IS WORTH. TWO PRITICAL POINTS STAND OUT IN PAJETTA'S COMMENTS. ONE IS THE EXTENT TO WHICH HE SUGGESTS THAT THE PCI IS NOW ABLE TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN INFLUENCING THE FORMATION OF ITALIAN FOREIGN POLICY. THE SECOND IS THE EMPHASIS HE PLACES ON HIS MEETING WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS, A FACT WHICH HAS ALSO BEEN HIGHLIGHTED BY COMMUNIST PAESE SERA WHICH CHARACTERIZED THE MEETING BETWEEN PAJETTA AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG AS THE FIRST CONTACT, EVEN UNOFFICIAL, BETWEEN A PCI LEADER AND SENIOR OFFICIAL OF AN AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION. END COMMENT. HOLMES

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